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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.